

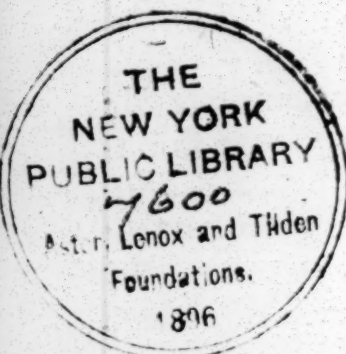
Vindication of the Quakers,

[Viz, the honest-hearted amongst them,]

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Aspersions cast upon them of being Papists, and likewise to shew, That the Quakers are not against Fighting when there is just Cause for it. As is apparent by the following Abstract of their own Writings, which are Published at this Juncture to undeceive the Simple, and for the better Uniting of all Protestants against the Common Enemy.

Some of the Quakers having objected, That the Former Abstract of their Writings was minced, and mangled into Bits and Scraps, and the Sense varied, &c. This is therefore much enlarged with turn'd Comma's, or put between Crotchets, [] and where there is this stroke--something is omitted for brevity, but the Sense not alter'd.

Edw. Burrough's Message proclaimed to the Pope, &c.

THOU Mountain, Thus saith the Lord to thee, I will lay thee low, I will break thee down -- my Hand shall not spare, my Eye shall not pity, but I shall tear and rend, and give unto thee and unto all Mankind the Fruit of your own Doings; innocent Blood cries unto Me, that hath been unjustly shed:--And now I am risen, and I am begun to work in the Earth, and I will go through Nations, and tread them down under my Power; --and My Power shall knock at thy Gates, and break down thy strength, and it shall prevail against thee, &c. p. 21.

E. Burrough, a Trumpet Sounded, &c.

TO all you call'd Papists, to your whole Body and Head at Rome, &c.--- Thus assuredly saith the Lord, My Controversie is against you, and my Vengeance, and Wrath, and Fury, shall for ever, world without end, be upon you; and though you pardon one another, yet will not I pardon any One of you: [For your grievous Adulteries and Abominations have surpassed all other Generations--Some of you are made a Curse already, and with Vengeance and Indignation shall the rest be pursued, till your Body be rooted from off the Earth:] p. 13. 14.

E. Burrough, an Alarm Sounded in the Pope's Borders, &c.

AND this lay upon me to declare in the Name of the Lord, to Governor Lockart (Governor of Dunkirk) and his Officers; That if they did enterprize any Business, as they were an Army in a Spirit in Opposition unto us, and in that Spirit that did reject us, and deny us, and gain-say us; then should they never prosper in any Enterprize whatsoever; but if they went on-- in the Fear of the Lord, and in that Spirit that was among us, then should they overcome their Enemies, and none should have Power over them, to overcome them, p. 28.

His Instructions to the Army in and about Dunkirk.

AND that there be no more a looking back,--till you have visited Rome, and inquired after, and sought out the innocent Blood that is buried therein, and Avenge the Blood of the Guiltless, through all the Dominions of the Pope, The Blood of the Just it Cries, through Italy and Spain, and the Time is come, that the Lord will search it, and seek it out, and repay it, and it would be your Honour to be made use of by the Lord in any degree, in order to this Matter--p. 29.

And this I also believe, that the Lord will do it, or make way hereunto, even by you the Men of our English Nation, if you be faithful.--- What are these few poor Islands that you have run through, and laid many Mountains low,--they are but little in comparison of the great Part of Christendom, in which Idolatry, Tyranny and great Oppressions do abound, which the Hand of the Lord is against, and which He will take Vengeance upon:-- But there are many Mountains in the Way; wherefore, hew down the Tops, strike at the Branches, make way that the Ax may be laid to the Root of the Tree, that your Sword, and the Sword of the Lord, may neither leave Root nor Branch of Idolatry, Oppression, and Tyranny;--your Sword is to be lifted up against them, it is the Lord's Work I know, to make Men truly religious; but yet the Lord may work by you, to break down the Bryars and Thorns, and Rocks and Hills that have set themselves against the Lord,--p. 30. 31.

Your Work hath been (and may be) Honourable in its Day [and Season: But he hath a Work more honourable to work after you; that is to destroy the Kingdom of the Devil, and the ground of Wars; and your Victory hath been of the Lord; there is a more honourable Victory

to be waited for, even the Victory over Sin: And so we are the Friends of the Creation, that doth preach this Victory, and this Kingdom and Peace, which is endless and everlasting, and which many are come into; yet we reject not the State, and Work, and Victory, and honour of a Soldier, but have respect thereunto in their Season, &c. p. 34.]

And your Victory hath been of the Lord;--so be low in your own Eyes,-- and seek the Glory of God, and the Freedom of the Oppressed, and in that you will be Blessed, and Prosper, till you have set up your Standard at the Gates of Rome, &c. p. 34. 35.

G. Fox to the Council of Officers, &c.

O Friends, the Power of God you have abused,-- the Just have been trodden under Foot, [and made a Prey of on every hand;] who have been put out of the Army, and publick Services.--- Now had you been faithful in the Power of the Lord, which once stirred, this Nation needed not have been afraid of any Nation upon Earth, but your Dread would have sounded over the World, but when you lost the Power of God,--with which you had brushed at the outside of things, then you turned against, and put them in Prison, [viz. the Quakers] that struck at the Root.---And had you been faithful to the Power of the Lord God, which first carried you on, you had gone into the midst of Spain into their Land, to require the Blood of the Innocent that there had been shed, and commanded them to have offered up their Inquisitions to you, and gone over them as the Wind, and knock'd at Rome Gates before now, and trampled Deceit and Tyrants under, and demanded the Pope himself, and have commanded him to have offered up all his Torture-houses, his Racks, and Inquisitions, (which you should have found as black as Hell,) and broke up the Bars and Gates, where all the Just Blood hath been shed, which should have been required; and this you should have seen done in the Power, when you had been the Dread of all Nations, you had been a Dread to them, and should have set up a Standard at Rome, and then you should have sent for the Turks Idol, the Mahomet, and plucked up Idolatry, and cried up CHRIST the only King and Lord, and then People would have said you had gone on in the Cause of GOD and His Truth:--And so if you had gone to have made Inquisition for Blood, and have demanded all the Inquisitions abroad in the whole Christendom, whereby the innocent Blood had been shed; then all the People in the whole Christendom that feared the Lord GOD, would have said with one Consent, These are the Men that are gone out for GOD's Cause, p. 2. 3.

Many Valiant Captains, Soldiers and Officers, have been put out of the Army (by Sea and Land) of whom it hath been said among you, That you had rather have had one of them, than seven Men, and could have turned one of them to seven Men, who because of their Faithfulness to the Lord GOD, being faithful towards Him; it may be for saying Thou to a Particular, and for wearing their Hats, have been turned out from amongst you, p. 5.

Oh! How are Men fallen from that which they were at first, when Thousands of Us went in the Front of you, and were with you in the greatest Heat! p. 6.

Oh! How is the Sincerity choaked, smothered and quenched by the Fatness of the Earth, whereby they have forgotten the Lord, and His Arm and Power, that once carried them on! p. 7.

And if ever, You Soldiers, and true Officers, come again into the Power of GOD, (which hath been lost,) never set up your Standard until you come to Rome, and it be a top of Rome, then there let your Standard stand, and look at the Power of the LORD GOD, and never heed Gold nor Silver, for the Power of the Lord will give you enough, p. 8.

From a Lover of all Souls, who stands in the Election before the World began.

If Penington to the Parliament, the Army, and all the well-affected
&c. to the Good Old Cause.

That there hath been a back-sliding and turning aside from the
Good Old Cause, even by the Army (who formerly were glo-
rious Instruments in the hand of God) hath been lately confessed.

The Name of God hath been blasphemed in the sight of the whole
Earth, and that holy Spirit and Power (which many hearts can witness,
was the *Beginner and Carrer on of this Work*) made a scoff and derision
to the Enemies of Truth in these Nations, and in the Nations round
about, who watched to see the Issue and Result of these things. The
Controversie was very great and eminent, and drew many Eyes upon
it; the Lord was appealed to on both sides to decide it; and many
know that by His Presence and Power in the Army, the Scale was
turned, even when they were very low, and cry'd out for Prayers, and
made large Promises in the days of their Distress; yea, the Lord did
not desert the Army, but heard their Prayers, and the Prayers of His
People for them, carrying on the Deliverance, until he had given a per-
fect Victory into their Hands, &c. p. 1.

G. R. a few Words to O. C.

To thee, Oliver Cromwel; Thus saith the Lord, I had chosen thee
amongst the thousands of the Nations to execute my Wrath upon
my Enemies, and gave them to thy Sword, with which I fought for
the Zeal of my own Name, and gave thee the Enemies of my own
Seed to be a Curse and a Reproach for ever, and made thee an Instru-
ment against them—And many have I cut down by my Sword in thy
hand, that my Wrath might be executed on them to the utmost, &c.
George Roff, the Righteousness of God, &c. p. 11.

G. Fox and Edw. Burrough Council and Advice, &c. in several
Letters to O. C. and R. C. Protectors

In Letter 1.

Consider, and let it move upon thee to Meekness, to Humbleness,
and to Fear before the LORD, assuredly knowing that it is He
that changeth times and things, and that bringeth down, and setteth up
whomsoever He will; and how that thou was raised from a low Estate,
and set over all thine Enemies, and thy Horn was exalted above them
all; and he gave thee the Necks of Princes to tread upon, (and more
honourable,) and their Dominions to inherit; and thou was set
a Ruler in much Dominion, and had favour in His sight, and in the
sight of many People, who wished well unto thee for a Blessing; many
Victories, honourable and remarkable, was given unto thee over them, who
had exalted themselves against GOD, and ruled in Tyranny over His Peo-
ple, whom the LORD pitied; and Thou an Instrument in His Hand,
was ordained by Him to lead forth a People, whom He blessed with
thee against a cruel People and Generation of Oppressors, who exercis'd
Tyranny over the Lord's Heritage, till they were taken away and cast
out, and is a Reproach to the Lord and his People to this Day; and even
so shall all be that follow their Example, and are Oppressors and Ty-
rants over the Seed of God as they were, &c. p. 4.

G. F. to O. C.

Letter 2.

Oh Oliver! Hadst thou been faithful, and thunder'd down Deceit,
the *Hollanders* had been thy Subjects and Tributaries, and *Ger-
many* had given up, to have done thy Will, and the *Spaniard* had
quiver'd like a dry Leaf,—the King of *France* should have bowed under
thine Neck, the Pope should have withered as in Winter, the *Turk*
in all his Fatness should have smok'd; Thou shouldst not have stood
trifling about small things, but minded the Work of the Lord as He be-
gan with thee at first, sober Men, and true Hearts took part with thee:
Oh! take heed and do not slight such, lest thou weaken thy self, and
not disown such as the Lord hath owned; thy Dread is not yet all gone,
nor thy Amazement; arise, and come out, for hadst thou been faithful,
thou should have crumbled Nations to dust, for that had been thy place,
[now is thy Day of Trial, &c.] p. 26. 27.

G. F. to O. C.

Letter 3.

Friend, Thou shouldst have invited all Christians upon Earth in all
Nations that are against Popery, to come in, and join with thee
against Popery, for thou hast had Authority, stand to it, lose it not,
nor abuse it, nor let any other take thy Crown, and do not stand cum-
bring thy self about dirty Priests that flatter thee for Means;—and invite
all them that profess against the Pope in all Nations, to join with thee
against him, and do not lose thy Dominion nor Authority, nor the
Wisdom of GOD, but with that thou mayst order all, and that will
keep thee single in Heart and Mind to the Lord; and let thy Soldiers go
forth with a free willing Heart, that thou mayst rock Nations as a
Cradle, and keep thou in the Fear of the Lord, and all thy Soldiers,

and them that be under thee: This is a Charge to thee, in the Presence
of the Lord God, [that thou, nor them may lose the Dread of the Lord,
for that it is that strikes Terror in the Hearts of all People,] p. 36. 37.

E. B. to O. C.

Letter 4.

Friend, Know that there is a GOD that doth whatsoever He
will, all Power is in His Hand, and He bringeth to pass the Coun-
sel of His own Heart, and he Rules in the Kingdoms of Men, and bring-
eth down and setteth up, He killeth and maketh alive, He changeth
Times and Seasons, and Governments, and bringeth to nought the
Counsels of Men, for all Power in Heaven and in Earth is in Him; and
all His Doings are right, and His Ways are equal, &c. p. 31.

Arise and stand up for the Lord, and He will give thee Strength and
Victory, and will make thy Horn as Iron, and thy Hoof as Brass to push
down, and tread under the High Places of Idolatry in all the Aposta-
tiz'd Churches, both Papists and others, [out of the Life of the Apo-
stles, &c.] p. 33.

And as concerning thy War and Armies abroad, something there is in
it, known to the Lord; seek not thy own Honour in it, but be faithful
and leave the Issue of all things to the Lord; make no Covenant with
Idolaters, but tread down their Idol-Gods that they have set up, and
hew down their Mountains in which their Confidence stands, and plow
up their Ground, that the Seed may be sown after thee; 'tis Honour e-
nough to be the LORD's Plow-Man, be thou faithful in what the
LORD calls thee to, and thou shalt have thy Reward, &c. p. 35.

E. B. to R. Cromwel.

Letter 5.

If thou walk with the Lord, and chuse Him for thy Counsellor, and
abase thy self, and altogether exalt Him, and preserve His People
that fear him, then shalt thou prosper, and thy Name shall be
greater than was thy Fathers; and the numberless Number of this (now)
distressed People (*viz. the Quakers*) will be unto thee a Strength, and
stand by Thee in the Day of Trouble, and Defend thee and thy Just
Government, and their Hearts shall cleave to thee, and thou shalt prosper
for their sakes, and none shall have Power over thee to destroy thee, tho'
many may seek for thy Life, &c. p. 44.

E. B. to R. C.

Letter 6.

And as for thy Father, the late Protector, great things and honou-
rable did the Lord do for him, in raising him up, and casting out
his Enemies before him, and giving him Victory, and Power, and Re-
nown through Nations; and we know the LORD shewed Favour
to him, and gave him Strength, Wisdom, and Valour, and a Right
Spirit; and he was called of GOD into that great Work, to subdue
the grievous Tyrannies once ruling over tender Consciences, and to
break down the great Oppressions, which for Ages had caused the Just
to groan; and the LORD was with him in Victory, and went before
him, and was his Defence, and preserved him from great Dangers, and
from the Wills of all his Enemies, and made him prosperous against
them all, &c. p. 53.

And as concerning the Armies abroad, let faithful and just Men that
will not seek themselves be put in Trust; for the Army is of great
Concernment to thee, to stand or fall through them, as to Man's Ac-
count; and the War against Spain be faithful to God in it, and let
trusty Men have Authority; the Lord may accomplish something by it
to his Honour, and to thine, if thou be meek, and humble, and walk
with the Lord; and to say no more about it, there is something in it
known to the LORD, that he may bring it to pass in its Season, p. 64.

G. F. to Richard Cromwel.

Letter 7.

Friend, take heed of putting of Honest, Godly Men out of the Army
[and putting them out of Place, being Justices and such as fear God,]
in so doing thou wilt lame thy self, and weaken thy Authority, and re-
move thy self out of the Hearts of them that fear God, p. 51.

A Declaration from the People called Quakers, &c.

WE are Friends to any appearance of Good that may come forth
in Truth and Sincerity, and as Righteousness doth appear in
any, we are ready to join with it in our Prayers and Desires; yea, and
otherwise, even that which hath the Image of God upon it; whenever
it shall appear we shall rejoice thereat, and add our Help thereunto, that
it may prosper; for the establishing of Righteousness in the Earth, our
All is not dear unto us, &c. p. 14. Written by E. Burrough.

And subscribed by Ger. Roberts, Tho. Hart, Gilbert Larve, John
Osgood, William Crouch, James Strut, John Crook, Benjamin Furbey,
and several others.

F I N I S.

And tho' the LORD of GLORY came not to destroy Men's Lives, but to save them, and that His Kingdom is not
of this World, and the like; yet (as the Quakers have truly said) He might command thousands and Ten thousands
of His Saints to Fight in His Cause; He might lead them forth, and bring them in, and give them Victory over all their
Enemies, &c. And who may say unto Him what dost Thou? Or, who shall dare to limit the HOLY ONE?

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are left, (for a Month,) where any may see the above said Passages, and many others to the same purpose, Octob. 4. 1690.